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**“Heaven and earth shall pass away:
But My words shall not pass away.”**

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In presenting this magazine, it is not our intention just to indiscriminately add to the number of Christian journals already available. Our only purpose is to present the Word of God in its fullness as we feel God has revealed it to us, in order that the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob may be glorified.

It is our firm conviction that we are living in the very last days prior to the appearing and return of our Great God and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are also convinced that never before in the history of our nation and people has there been such a need for the "Watchmen in Israel" to sound the alarm in order to awaken God's people to the urgent need to repent, and to return to God with all their hearts, and with all their minds, and with all their strength.

Denominational doctrines and differences are not our concern, and it is not our intention to enter into such arguments. There is not enough time left to waste it on such unproductive, and indeed, destructive, exercises. We are concerned **ONLY** with what we believe the Word of God says and teaches.

We proclaim the absolute necessity for all people to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour, as the only means to Eternal Life.

We proclaim the absolute necessity for the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people to recognise their identity, their inheritance, and their responsibility, as the literal descendants of God's people Israel.

We proclaim the absolute necessity for all who would faithfully serve God to 'receive the power from on high', which can only

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EDITORIAL

22 ***“Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.”***

Never in the history of our nation, nor for that matter the entire world, has there been such a necessity to full understand, and implement, this vital statement from God's Word, as found in Proverbs 14:34.

When we examine it we find four specific things mentioned: 1. Righteousness. 2. A Nation. 3. Sin. And 4. People.

When we further examine it we find two other important factors, namely that:

1. RIGHTEOUSNESS is related to the NATION.
2. SIN is related to the PEOPLE.

So what God is telling us is in this verse is that the purpose of righteousness is not to exalt people. The responsibility of people is to be righteous, NOT to be exalted. The only person we exalt is God. But because God has appointed the nation of Israel to be His to very fact that He is God, then it automatically that this nation must of necessity also be righteous in the sight of God in order to operate as his instrument to bring blessing to all other families and nations of the earth, as He promised our father Abraham.

Of course, a nation – and for that matter any group, whether it be a nation, a church, or a family – is the sum total to the people of which it is comprised. So that the condition of that nation in the sight of God is directly proportional to the condition of the individual people who make up that nation. Sodom, for example, was an evil city,

Not for what the city as such had done, but because of what its citizens did. And I have not chosen that example lightly. The end result of Sodom, as we well know, is that God completely destroyed it in righteous judgement. We have every reason for concern at the awful possibilities which lay ahead, because God has warned us that he does not change, and that he is the same today as what he was yesterday.

In God's sight, SIN IS STILL SIN! We might get used to it, but God never does. We might try to compromise with it, God never does.

SIN IS SIN, and SIN IS A REPROACH TO PEOPLE.

The word 'reproach' as used here means 'shame and disgrace' Thus we are shamed and disgraced in the sight of God when we sin. We belittle ourselves. We do ourselves a severe injustice. We cause ourselves to become something that God never intended us to become. We cause ourselves to stand before Him in shame, whereas we were intended to stand before Him in unsurpassed joy.

Our nation is the expression of our people. And our nation is today reeling under the judgements of Almighty God simply because we as a people have turned from the righteous Law of God, and have instead followed in our own paths. We have the audacity to flout God's Laws and then add it to the stupidity of questioning God's right to punish and correct us. We will only see righteousness in our community when we as individual members of that community seek the righteousness of God, which is in Christ Jesus.

Christ in the hearts of the people is the only thing that will put Christ into the heart of the nation.

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NATIONAL DAYS OF PRAYER.

MATAPAN, ERITREA & ADDIS ABABA.

Sunday, March 23, 1941.

Appointed by the King as a day of national prayer for strength and guidance in the days to come and of thanksgiving for blessings already received.

Many blessings had followed the previous day of Prayer. Not only had the Royal Air Force beaten the Hun out of the daylight sky, but also the United States had come to our aid by passing the Lend-Lease Act. By this Act nearly 2,000 millions sterling of the wealth of the New World were to be devoted to help us to defend our liberties. Thus, the nation again drew near to God; indeed, throughout the Empire, in cathedrals, chapels, synagogues, temples and mosques, prayers and thanksgiving for mercies and deliverances were offered up.

Two remarkable events followed. On March 29th came the great naval victory over the Italians at Matapan - a blow from which the Italian Navy never recovered. At least three Italian cruisers and two destroyers were sunk and a 35,000-ton battleship was torpedoed, while the British fleet did not suffer a single casualty or even a scratch on the paint of its warships. On land, Asmara, capital of Eritrea, fell April 1st, and Addis Ababa,

capital of Abyssinia, April 6th. Like Gideon's little army of old, a mere handful of Britishers had routed the Italian hosts and set free the first victim of Axis aggression.

No 8. RUSSIA

Sunday, September 7th, 1941 - Day of Prayer by desire of the King.

Raids by the Luftwaffe on Britain had almost ceased and the German armies threatening our shores had been withdrawn. less than three months the Nazi hordes, bent on a quick knockout blow, had penetrated deeply into Russian territory. If Stalin's armies were overwhelmed the whole of Russia and its resources would go to augment the already mighty war machine of Hitler, which would then be turned upon us. Could Russia hold out? The position looked grave. On the eve of this National Day of Prayer, the Archbishop of Canterbury bade us "Remember Russia."

Did God answer? The German armies, which by then had invested Leningrad and reached the Neva on a broad front, got no further. Although elsewhere the Russian line continued to bend, it refused to break. Hitler's offensive against Moscow failed, and his neglect to make adequate preparations for the Russian winter cost him dearly. Meanwhile, Britain's preparations for accomplishing the ultimate defeat of Germany went on unhindered. A Higher Power was helping us.

No 9. THE BURMA RAINS, BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA & BATTLE OF MIDWAY ISLAND

Sunday, March 29th, 1942 - Day of Prayer by desire of HM the King.

In a broadcast the evening beforehand the King said: *"There can be no peace until the wicked forces that have wrecked the world are cast down and utterly destroyed. In our prayers let us thank Almighty God for bringing us thus far in safety through so many dangers, and let us ask Him to give us that spiritual strength which great causes deserve and with which they conquer."*

Again the days were critical. Japan's forces like a great tidal wave were surging southwards, sweeping all before them.

But two deliverances occurred almost immediately. After the evacuation from Burma, torrential rains held back the Japanese and saved our men. In New Guinea, floods drove the Japanese to their bases and gave the time so vitally needed for the reorganising of Australia's defences. In North Africa, the German attack launched May 26th, compelled our armies, after suffering heavy losses, to fall back almost to the Nile. In Russia, immensely powerful German legions struck south eastwards for the oilfields of the Caucasus and eastwards towards the Volga.

Yet not one of these grand-scale offensives succeeded, although each came within an ace of doing so.

In the South Pacific two blows struck at the US Navy - the Battle of the Coral Sea, May 7th, and the Battle of Midway Island, June 4th-6th - put a halt to Japanese aggression in that region. In Egypt, the Germans were effectively checked at El Alamein. In Russia, they were stopped short at Stalingrad and before Maikop in the Caucasus. Once more to our enemies, the God of battles had said: "Thus far and no farther."

THE MIRACLE OF THE BURMA RAINS

26th May, 1942. Despatch from the London "Daily Mail" Burma War Correspondent: -

"General Alexander's Army had to march up a temporary road, 6,000 feet over the hills of Burma into India. If the rains came too soon they would wash away the road ahead. If too late, the Japanese would come upon them ... They had almost reached the top when the rains began, cutting off their pursuers."

From Advance HQ Burma-Assam Frontier

"General Alexander today brought the last of his gallant little Burma Army safely over the mountains into India. In its way a miracle was performed here only smaller in extent than the Miracle of Dunkirk." So wrote the Daily Mail Correspondent.

"Not until the last weary band of men were being driven along the last stretch to safety did the rains begin to fall. As they covered the last few miles the road was already beginning to crumble and dissolve under their wheels."

Truly this was a modern counterpart of Israel's experience under the guiding hand of Moses, as indeed of many another Divine Deliverance in Old Testament times, which Dr

E.J.Monson has shown in his excellent little book of thirty pages, *The God of Battles*.

Moses commanded the waters to turn back on their enemies:

“And the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea and covered the chariots and the horsemen ... and Israel saw that great work the Lord did, and the people believed the LORD, and His servant Moses.” (See Exodus 14, 10.)

O, that Israel-Britain today would believe the Lord, and His servants the prophets; His pastors and teachers likewise who are striving to faithfully witness concerning these things to this present generation.

We close the account of this further miracle of Divine over-ruling by recording a beautiful poem composed at the time, in acknowledgment of the One Who is mighty to save--

Forty miles to go,
Six thousand feet to climb ...
A watching trinity we know
God and the Rains and Time.

Thirty miles! The goad
An ever-asking mind
The rain-will it dissolve the road
Before us ... or behind?

Twenty... Fifteen... Ten!
Mounting and mounting pain,
Parched tongues, parched hopes of toiling men ...
And heaven held the rain.

Between the mountain waves
As Israel crossed the sea,
We marched and then the flood that saves
Swept down to set us free.

The fountains of the deep,
The windows of the Lord,
Were opened. On the windy steep
The rains of freedom poured.

And we with acid breath
That burned us like the knife,

Saw wrecked behind, the road of death
And trod the road of life.

("Bee" of the Daily Mail.)

THE BATTLE OF THE CORAL SEA

May 1942 marked a turning point in the national histories of Australia and the United States. To Australia, facing the prospect of a hostile invasion for the first time in its European history, the Japanese southward thrust through Asia and the Pacific after Pearl Harbour seemed unstoppable. Within three weeks of the surprise Japanese attack, the war front was less than 1600 kilometres from Darwin, Hong Kong had fallen, the battleship HMS Prince of Wales and the battlecruiser HMS Repulse had been sunk, and Thailand, Malaya and the Philippines had been invaded. Singapore had been taken and with it the 8th Division of the Second Australian Imperial Force. The Dutch East Indies was next to fall, the Japanese landed on New Guinea and New Britain, Darwin was bombed and the war came to Australia. There was a sense of despondency among the Allies as Japan had achieved its objectives with devastating efficiency.

The Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Combined Fleet, Admiral Yamamoto Isoroku, recognising that the Japanese Navy had to bring the US Navy to a decisive engagement and destroy its naval air power, planned an attack on the key US naval base at Midway Island. Admiral Yamamoto's plan was codenamed 'MI'.

The victory he envisaged at Midway would secure command of the seas for Japan and allow it to consolidate its gains. But before this plan was executed at Midway, New Guinea needed to be cleared completely of Allied forces and Port Moresby captured. This latter plan, codenamed 'MO', would be executed simultaneously with an attack on the Solomon Islands, to enhance the Japanese position in the South-West Pacific. Although the Japanese carrier strength available for MO was limited to Shokaku (Soaring Crane) and Zuikaku (Happy Crane) and the light carrier Shoho, Admiral Yamamoto was confident that the element of surprise he had enjoyed at Pearl Harbour would be sufficient to ensure that MO would be likewise successful. This was also preferred to a cross-country march from the northern coast of New Guinea, which the Japanese already held.

Two important points need to be made in relation to MO. The first is that Japan expected to succeed. Second, the Japanese had

not yet intended to occupy Australia. An assessment prepared by the Japanese Imperial General Staff in 1942 explained the reasons:

If the invasion is attempted, the Australians, in view of their national character, would resist to the end. Also, because the geographic conditions of Australia present numerous difficulties in a military sense, it is apparent that a military venture in that country would be a difficult one. To alter the plan already in force and to employ a force larger than the one employed in the southern area since the outbreak of the war, to suddenly invade Australia which lies 4000 nautical miles away would be a reckless adventure and is beyond Japan's ability.

It is for this reason that Japan sought to capture New Caledonia, Fiji and Samoa and to establish a seaplane base in the Louisiade Archipelago - 240 kilometres southeast of the 'tail' of New Guinea. The fact that the Japanese did not intend to invade Australia is immaterial to any overall assessment of the strategic significance of the plan. Australia was a focus for shipping across the two ocean basins, the Indian and Pacific, on either side of the continent. Japan could achieve its ends, severing sea communications to the north of Australia, without conquering continental territory.

For the first time in the war, good fortune was with the Allies. Having broken the Japanese naval communications codes and anticipating a possible thrust towards Port Moresby and Australia, two Allied carrier task forces and a cruiser striking force, were concentrated in the Coral Sea-New Hebrides area. It was now the Allies who enjoyed the element of surprise while the Japanese relied on intelligence, which reported that only the carrier Saratoga was able to mount a counterattack. In fact, Saratoga was completing a refit at Puget Sound, 12 480 kilometres from Noumea.

On 3 May 1942, the Allies received intelligence that the Japanese were landing at Tulagi Harbour in the Solomon Islands. Meanwhile, the Japanese covering group, under Rear Admiral Goto, and the support force, commanded by Rear Admiral Marushige, sailed for the Jomard Passage and entry into the Coral Sea. In company with the Port Moresby invasion group commanded by Rear Admiral Kato, the whole group would subsequently alter course to the west and start the offensive against Port Moresby. If Saratoga did attempt to offer resistance, the two carriers of Vice-Admiral Takagi's carrier striking force would converge on the US carrier and launch an attack with fighter aircraft. Vice-Admiral Shigeyoshi Inoue commanded the Japanese forces from his flagship, the cruiser Kashima, which was in Rabaul. At the time of the Coral Sea

battle, he was simultaneously in command of the Japanese 4th Fleet and the South Seas Force.

There is no doubt that Admiral Inoue was a brilliant administrator and staff officer, but his ability to exercise command at sea was considered suspect. Taking command of the 4th Fleet based at Truk, Admiral Inoue was given the task of capturing Guam and Wake Islands in conjunction with the attack on Pearl Harbour. The former was weakly defended so it was essentially a formality. However, the latter had been strengthened during 1941. When Admiral Inoue encountered firmer resistance than he expected, his ships retired to the west and could have been destroyed while returning to Kwajalein. With the support of forces returning from Pearl Harbour, Admiral Inoue was finally successful. However, his invasion fleet had been the only force that had not achieved its initial objective. In April 1942, Admiral Inoue transferred his base from Truk to Rabaul- in preparation for MO, during which he would exercise overall command.

Opposing Admiral Inoue in the Coral Sea was Rear Admiral Frank Fletcher USN, the commander of Allied Task Force 17. Admiral Fletcher had considerable naval seagoing experience by the time of this command. After commanding the unsuccessful expedition to relieve US forces Striving to retain possession of Wake Island in December 1941, Admiral Fletcher's command was re-organised as Task Force 17 with his flag flying from the aircraft carrier Yorktown.

On the morning of 4 May 1942, Task Force 17, consisting of the US carrier Yorktown, heavy cruisers Astoria, Chester and Portland and six destroyers, was within 160 kilometres of the Japanese invasion force when planes from the Yorktown attacked Tulagi and Gavutu Harbour. One Japanese destroyer was sunk and another badly damaged. Five enemy landing craft were sent to the bottom, a minelayer was damaged and several aircraft were shot down. On 6 May, when news of an advancing Japanese naval force was received, the Allied ships were re-organised into three groups. These were an attack group, a support group, which included HMAS Australia and Hobart, commanded by the Australian-born Rear Admiral John Crace, and an air group based on the carriers Yorktown and Lexington.

On the morning of 8 May, scout aircraft from the attack group located a large Japanese force based on three carriers, which appeared bound for Port Moresby. Ninety-two planes from the US carriers were launched and succeeded in destroying the

Japanese carrier Shoho. In response, Japanese carrier aircraft from the Zuikaku and Shokaku attacked and sank the tanker Neosho and the destroyer Sims, the former being mistaken for a US light carrier which had been detached to the south. A lull in the action followed while each carrier force tried to locate the other. There were several aerial clashes but neither side's carrier aircraft could locate the surface forces.

In the early morning of 7 May, Japanese land-based air forces concentrated their efforts on the Allied support force, commanded by Admiral Crace, which was deployed to intercept the Port Moresby invasion force in the Jomard Passage. Three Japanese bombing and torpedo attacks were sustained by Admiral Crace's force, attacks that would otherwise have been mounted on the more highly valued Allied carrier force. The Japanese operational plan was in disarray by the end of 7 May. Having received reports of Admiral Crace's force and the existence of two carrier battle groups in the Coral Sea, Admiral Inoue ordered the Port Moresby invasion group to turn back for the Jomard Passage until the US carrier strength had been neutralised. Japanese emphasis was now turned to finding and destroying the US carriers.

Early the next morning, 8 May, air patrols for both sides simultaneously located the surface forces and the battle reached its crucial stage. Allied planes mounted a fierce attack on the Shokaku and inflicted severe damage, while the battle-stricken Lexington was abandoned after leaks of aviation fuel put her in immediate danger of explosion. The Japanese had lost considerably more carrier fighter aircraft and Admiral Inoue was unwilling to risk his carriers further. He was also unwilling to send the invasion force through the Jomard Passage in the face of Admiral Crace's force and the likelihood of attack from Allied land-based aircraft. Because of the heavy losses sustained by both sides, the Allies and the Japanese withdrew the main part of their forces.

As the invasion force returned to Rabaul, with the Shoho sunk, the Shokaku damaged and the Zuikaku withdrawn to the south, Admiral Yamamoto was left with no choice but to confirm Admiral Inoue's effective cancellation of Operation MO. Had

Admiral Yamamoto ordered the invasion force to turn again towards Port Moresby, it arguably stood a very good chance of reaching its destination. With the Lexington sunk and the Yorktown bound for Noumea, the likely Allied air resistance would have been a fraction of that expected on 6 May.

The battle of the Coral Sea had three distinct results. First, although US material losses were greater than were those of the Japanese, it was an Allied tactical victory as naval air power and carrier warfare emerged as the key to future Allied success. The virtual loss of the two big carriers in the Coral Sea battle weakened the Japanese at Midway less than a month later. Here they lost four carriers and, effectively, the Pacific naval war. The 'breathing space, created for the Allies by the Coral Sea battle also meant the US Navy was able to deploy the Hornet and Enterprise to the central Pacific after their return from the raid on Japan.

Second, it was a strategic victory in that Japan was forced to fight a land campaign in New Guinea, which highlighted the poor support it was able to provide its troops so far from home. Plans for invading Fiji, Samoa and New Caledonia were shelved and the sea route to the North of Australia remained open to the Allies. And third, Allied success at Coral Sea was an overwhelming psychological victory. For the first time in six months, the Japanese had been stopped, and stopped where they least expected - at sea. The Americans saw Coral Sea as a psychological success as official historian Samuel Morison later recorded:

There is no greater teacher of combat that can even remotely approach the value of combat itself, - call Coral Sea what you will, it was an indispensable preliminary to the great victory of Midway. The morale value of the battle of all Allied nations, coming as it did immediately after the surrender of Corregidor, was immeasurable.

US - JAPANESE SHOWDOWN AT MIDWAY

After the Japanese sneak attack on the US Navy's Pacific fleet headquarters in Pearl Harbour on December 7, 1941, Allied

forces in the Pacific were in retreat throughout the Pacific. In May-June 1942, Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, commander in chief of the Japanese fleet, assembled almost the entire Japanese fleet to crush what remained of the American navy off Midway Island. Admiral Yamamoto had at his disposal a total force of 160 ships, including eight aircraft carriers - with over 400 carrier-based aircraft. Yamamoto's opposite number, US Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commanded a greatly inferior naval force of 73 warships - including three aircraft carriers, 233 carrier aircraft, plus 115 planes stationed on Midway.

Providentially, American intelligence had broken the Japanese naval communications code shortly before-and had learned that the Japanese planned to send a diversionary force to invade the Aleutian Islands on June 6-7, 1942, while on June 46, their main Carrier Striking Force would concentrate on bombing, then invading, Midway.

Admiral Yamamoto put Japan's First Carrier Striking Force under command of Vice Admiral Chuichi Nagumo, who would command four mighty aircraft carriers - Akagi, Kaga, Hiryu and Soryu - with their 225 fighters and bombers. After softening up Midway by bombing, 12 transport vessels would land 5000 troops to seize the island. Yamamoto, with the main battle fleet of seven battleships and four aircraft carriers, was following along about 600 miles to the rear of Nagumo's Carrier Attack Force. His new flagship, the 70,000-tonne Yamato, was the most powerful battleship in the world. Yamamoto intended to finish off the US fleet - after Nagumo's four carriers had inflicted heavy damage on the US warships in the area.

US naval forces were divided into two groups under the immediate command of Vice Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, nicknamed "Electric Mind" because of his ability to think quickly! Task Force 16 included the carriers USS Hornet and Enterprise, while Task Force 17 included the USS Yorktown. The American's priority was to hit by surprise Admiral Nagumo's Carrier Striking Force, which was at that moment zigzagging through dense fog to the north.

ADMIRAL NAGUMO'S AGONISING DILEMMA.

On June 4, 1942, at 4.30 am, Nagumo launched his first strike of 108 planes intending to destroy American resistance on Midway. Even though they inflicted heavy damage, the Japanese pilots signalled that a second strike would be necessary to knock out American defences on Midway - before landing Japanese troops to seize the island.

That bad news made Admiral Nagumo uneasy, because, at that moment, he didn't know either the size or the whereabouts of the US fleet in the area. Being a prudent man, Nagumo had held back his best planes and air crews - having armed them with torpedoes and other anti-ship weapons - just in case US carriers arrived unexpectedly. Japanese search planes, running 30 minutes behind schedule, had spotted no US ships. Nagumo concluded it was safe to send his second strike force to bomb Midway.

At that very moment, however, US planes appeared and attacked the Japanese ships but did no damage. Nagumo assumed those US planes came from Midway, and this caused him to conclude that he must send a second strike to finish off Midway, but to do so would necessitate rearming his on-ship planes with bombs instead of their present armament of torpedoes. So Nagumo sent his torpedo-laden planes below deck to be rearmed with bombs. But at 7.28 am, only 15 minutes after the planes went below for rearming, one of his search planes spotted, belatedly, ten US warships only 210 miles northeast of Nagumo's four carriers. If his search plane had been on schedule, it would have reported the US task force half an hour earlier, and this would have changed Nagumo's decision.

As it was, however, this bad news came 15 minutes after his decision to remove the torpedoes and replace them with bombs. What was he to do? Should he concentrate on sending a second strike to bomb Midway, or should he again rearm his planes with torpedoes and send them against the US ships?

Nagumo wondered if the spotted US forces included any aircraft carriers. He soon got his answer. Precisely at 8.20am, a scout plane reported, "The enemy is

accompanied with what appears to be a carrier."

This was the very worst news that Nagumo could have received. His first wave of strike planes, all 108 of them, were now returning from their attack on Midway and needed to land. But if he sent off his rearmed planes, they could only attack with bombs - not torpedoes, which were needed to annihilate the US naval forces in the area.

Also the returning Japanese fighter planes needed refuelling before they could escort his bombers. But, to allow this, his bombers would have to take off and circle overhead. This would, of course, waste precious fuel and time. Again, in a terrible quandary, the worried Japanese Admiral agonised over what to do.

"Nagumo decided to clear the flight decks, rearm the bombers with torpedoes, and prepare a proper attack on the American fleet. The repeated delays proved fatal. The first wave of Japanese planes returning from its first attack on Midway did not finish landing until 9.18am, and then the aircraft of the second wave had to be brought back up to the flight decks.

Soon afterwards, the Japanese carriers were like floating bombs ready to go off at any moment. On the hangar decks, bombs - just removed from the torpedo bombers - lay stacked where they had been left during the rearming. At this moment bombs from the US carriers Enterprise, Yorktown and Hornet arrived." (This account is taken from *The World at Arms*, the Reader's Digest Illustrated History of World War II, 1989, p. 166.)

Admiral Spruance, a clever tactician, had decided to send out his carrier planes two hours earlier than planned - just after 7am - hoping to pounce on the Japanese carriers just as they were recovering their first strike planes from Midway.

"In all, 152 aircraft were sent out [by Admiral Spruance]. They made probably the most decisive single air strike in naval history - yet it got off to a bad start. Nagumo had changed course when he decided to rearm his planes [with torpedoes], and the first US bombers could not find their prey. The first

ones that did - Hornet's lumbering Devastator torpedo bombers - attacked without fighter support, and all 15 were shot down by Japanese Zeros. Devastators from Enterprise attacked shortly afterwards, followed by a squadron from Yorktown. All met a similar fate, with only four of Enterprise's planes returning; two Yorktown aircraft survived the attack but ditched in the sea on the way back to their carrier' (pp. 166-167).

Up to this time the situation looked bleak for the US Pacific Fleet. If, at that critical moment in history there had not been DIVINE INTERVENTION, undoubtedly, America would have lost that battle; and the war in the Pacific would certainly have been prolonged. An American defeat at Midway would have given the Japanese a free hand in the Pacific, enabling them to threaten America's West Coast.

"Nagumo was on the verge of a spectacular success. At 10.20am he ordered his carriers to turn into the wind to launch their aircraft [now rearmed with torpedoes] for the killer blow. Less than five minutes later, as the first plane was roaring down the deck of Akagi, a lookout shouted a warning: 50 US Dauntless dive-bombers were hurtling from the sky. And the Japanese carriers were like floating bombs themselves.

"In what Nimitz later called 'the most important decision of the battle,' the leader of Enterprise's dive-bombers had followed the wake of a destroyer hurrying to catch up with Nagumo's force. It led him to the Japanese carriers. Nagumo's deadly Zero fighters were all on the decks or down at sea level after their last dog-fight, leaving the skies clear for the US dive-bombers. The first few hits turned [three enemy carriers] Akagi, Kaga and Soryu into exploding torches.

"Within five minutes most of the dreaded Japanese First Air Fleet had been wiped out. The fourth carrier, Hiryu, was saved by a lucky squall and tried a desperate counterattack.... Later that day, however, Spruance turned his triumphant Dauntlesses on Hiryu. Again, the Americans caught their prey with aircraft ranged on deck as the crew was eating their supper before another strike planned for twilight. Four bombs converted Hiryu into the same condition as the rest of Nagumo's force. Soryu and Kaga sank that evening.... Early the following

morning, June 5, Hiryu burning like a torch - was abandoned by all who were able, except for its captain and the proud and aggressive Rear Admiral T. Yamaguchi, Nagumo's deputy.... Akagi, which had been turned into an inferno when one of the US bombs hit a torpedo store, went down shortly afterward.... Four of Japan's finest carriers had gone and 332 aircraft. Well over 2000 highly skilled men had lost their lives" (World at Arms).

After Midway, one of the largest naval battles ever fought, America would never lose - and Japan would never win - another major battle during World War II. It was also the first and only naval battle fought by aircraft when the combatant ships never even sighted each other.

On December 26, 1941, Mr Churchill, speaking in the US Senate, said, "He must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below of which we have the honour to be faithful servants."



Thou art my battle ax and weapons of war:
for with thee will I break in pieces the
nations, and with thee will I destroy
kingdoms. 1 Jeremiah, 51-20.



"As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; so is a
wicked ruler over the poor people."

Proverbs ch.28:15

"Let another man praise thee, and not thine
own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips."

Proverbs ch. 27 ; 2



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NEWS

Back on the road again after a disastrous start to the year And a few setbacks, we are now in full steam ahead mode and now present all of you faithful readers and supporters with CV106.

It has been a trying time what with Brother Frank and Betty now feeling their age, both now very close to 80 and only last week they celebrated 59 years of marriage together so it is about time they both put their feet up for a while and enjoy each others company as Brother Frank has now been preaching the Israel Identity message for well over 60 years. He still is in charge and the senior editor, but can now spend more time in his glory age writing and doing the proof reading (Don't think I will let him sit back and do completely nothing).

Next for all the heart felt warmth, well wishes and Blessings, also all the enquiries we have received since the last c.v. may we ask The One True Lord God of ISRAEL to richly bless all you wonderful people and loyal supporters who upheld all of us in your prayers and supplications. If any consternation or undue worry has been caused by the lack of Covenant Vision magazine then our most humble apologies and we will as servants of the Lord make it up to all of you. Now that I have taken over as being the Editor nothing will change and more of Frank's writings and articles will be presented, so there is no shortage of his works.

IMPORTANT WONDERFUL NEWS

Here at the Covenant Vision we are so proud to announce that we now have established a new registered DOMAIN name and registered address or in other words a new web site and e-mail address. As from the 1st July 2004 the old web site will no longer exist we will be working on our own site, also the old email address will cease. If you know anyone one please inform them

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TITHING

BY FRANK W DOWSETT

The word "TITHE," BOTH IN Hebrew and in Greek, Means, 'ONE TENTH.' So that when we say that we 'tithe', we say that we give 'one tenth.'

But 'one tenth' of what? And for what purpose? In fact, who originated the practice of the TITHE?

The Bible is quite clear on these points, and if Christians had turned to God's Word for the answer to this often worrying subject, instead of allowing themselves to be brainwashed by those foremost thoughts and intentions appear to be the building of bigger and better (?) churches and organizations just for the sake of being bigger and better in the eyes of the world, then they could have saved themselves a great deal of heartache and worry.

The TITHE was one of the Laws which God gave to Israel. (You know the laws I mean. The ones which we are told were done away with and replaced by grace. All except this one, it would appear.) It was the NATIONAL SYSTEM OF TAXATION! It comprised three separate payments, which are clearly defined in Leviticus chapter 27, Numbers chapter 18, and Deuteronomy chapter 14.

The FIRST TITHE consisted of **one tenth** of a family's **increase**, whether it be crops or cattle, and was paid annually to the Levitical Priest. These Levites were the equivalent of our present-day Public Service, and administered the Law of God to His people Israel. It should

be especially noted that this "Public Service" did not **make** laws. Their function was to administer the Laws which God had already given.

One tenth of this tithe, as stated in numbers 18:26, was then in turn given by the Levites to the Aaronic Priest, who were the religious Leaders. These Priest, looked after the spiritual life of the people, and were the equivalent of our modern-day church. Thus the NATIONAL CHURCH was supported directly by a prescribed Government grant.

The SECOND TITHE, again constituting one tenth of a family's increase, was paid annually to cover the cost of attending the compulsory National Feast, Passover, Weeks (or Pentecost), and Tabernacles. It was also applied towards the Levites cost in attending. The existence of this law shows the absolute importance of attending Jehovah's Feast. (See Deut. 14:22-27.).

The THIRD TITHE, similar to the first two, was paid every THREE YEARS ONLY. It was not paid to the Levites, but distributed locally. It was used specifically for the relief of the poor, the widows, the orphans, the fatherless, and the Levites. Thus, three and one third per cent of the nation's total increase was devoted solely to the relief of the needy. (See Deut. 14:28-29).

From this, it is clear that the TOTAL amount paid in TAXATION by every family was 23 and 1/3 per cent of their total INCREASE. I repeat, THIS WAS THE TOTAL AMOUNT PAID. There were no hidden or indirect taxes, as we now have. There was no sales tax, no entertainment tax, no land rates, etc., which when added today to our direct income tax, raises out total taxation to something in the order of 60-70% of our income. No wonder the prophet Malachi warns us that we are cursed because we

have robbed God. Our leaders not only over-taxed the people, but wastefully and wrongfully use the tax so levied as well. As these taxes rightfully belong to God, then in very truth, WE HAVE ROBBERED GOD!

Such are the blessings of God's Laws. Obedience to this law bought automatic and untold blessings from God, out of which the people could easily make additional free-will offerings and gifts to God, which then resulted in ADDED blessings.

And such are the judgements of God's Laws. Disobedience to this law brought automatic judgement and punishment by which the people were deprived of their inheritance in God. The fact that our nation is in such a shocking financial condition today, with most people worrying themselves sick about how they are going to survive financially, particularly if any thing should go wrong, is terrible and blatant proof that we have, as a people, and as a nation, disobeyed this fundamental LAW OF GOD.

But the question in the minds of many, if not most, Christians today is this.

'How do I determine what my tithe is? How much should I give?'

To those of those who are desirous of being truthful and right before God, this becomes a very vexing question. Indeed, it has become one of great contention, with several alternatives being offered, and at times insisted upon, by various groups.

May I make this point quite clear. I am NOT offering any criticism of any kind against anyone in what I am about to present. Every person must do that which they are

convinced is RIGHT IN THE EYES OF GOD. May I emphasise that point. What emphasise that point. Whatever you decide must not only be right in your own eyes, but it must be acceptable to God. So I present the following as a guide which may assist in the understanding this question.

FIRSTLY, the tithe was the system of taxation. So in its literal application, if you had paid taxes, then you have paid your tithe.

SECONDLY, paying tithes (or taxes), and making offerings and gifts to God, are ENTIRELY DIFFERENT THINGS. The tithe is compulsory. Offerings and gifts, on the other hand, are purely optional, and depend entirely on our own attitude to God. If we think about this for a moment, it becomes obvious that what many people now call their 'tithe', is in fact their 'free-will offering' to God. The taxation which we pay is actually our 'tithe.' And as previously pointed out, we are paying, by force, TOO MUCH. Because of this 'robbery', we have much less than we should out of which we can make free-will offerings to God.

But despite this, people still ask, how much should I pay. Some decide that they should pay direct to various aspects of God's work, one tenth of their total, before any or other deductions are made. But I have noted that whenever examples are given of the prosperity of those who have adopted this course of action, these examples are usually business men who have tithed on their businesses and thus prospered. What has not been made clear, is that these people tithe on their PROFITS, not on the TOTAL INCOME of their respective businesses. In other words they tithe on what is left after they pay all cost incurred in making those profits. Now I would respectfully suggest that

if it is good enough for these people to so assess their tithe, why shouldn't the ordinary person do the same? It is also interesting to note that the Bible refers to paying the tithe on the INCREASE (or profit), not on the INCOME.

It is absolutely true that 'God loves a cheerful giver.' It is also true that God honours sacrificial giving. But I feel that people should make their gifts to God in full understanding of what they are doing. I have known those who have given so much of their income, thinking that it was COMPULSORY, that they have brought what appears to have been quite unnecessary suffering and hardship to their family.

But as I have previously stated, each person must be convinced in their own mind in this matter. GOD IS NO MAN'S DEBTOR. Let us be sure that in ALL things we bring honour and glory to His name. Let us be very sure that no matter what we do, WE DO IT HIS WAY!

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THE LAW

By Frank W Dowsett JP

In Romans 6;14-15 we read Paul's words;

"Ye are not under law, but under
grace"

In Matthew 5;17-18 we read Christ's Words;

"Think not that I am come to des-
troy the law or the prophets. I am
NOT come to destroy, but to fulfil.
For verily I say unto you, Till
Heaven and earth pass, one jot
Or tittle shall in no wise pass
From the law, till all be fulfilled."

OUR lord teaches us that the law will never pass away.
Modern theology, supposedly quoting Paul, teaches us that
it has passed away already, being superseded by "grace."

Who is right ? Christ or Paul ? Why the apparent
contradiction ?

Let us stop trying to put things meekly so as not to
offend. Let us face the question fairly, squarely and bluntly.
It is not a matter of which one is right. What we have to
determine is WHO IS WRONG. Was Christ wrong ? Or
was Paul wrong ? Christ spoke the words **given to Him by
God . THE BIBLE SAYS SO** In John 14:24 we read,

"The word which ye hear is not
Mine, but the Father's which sent
Me."

Paul spoke the things **GIVEN TO Him by God THE
BIBLE SAYS SO.** In Tim. 3.16 we read,

"All scripture is given by inspiration
of God."

Now unless God Himself was all confused and couldn't
Make up His mind, **WHO IS WRONG?** Obviously, neither
Christ nor Paul was wrong. The only other party to this
confused triangle is ourselves and our theological leaders.
In our fanatical frenzy to "spiritualise" God's Word into a
narrow "personal gospel," they have emasculated the "faith
once delivered unto the saints" by plating off their own
misrepresentations of what Paul said, against the concise
statements of what our Lord Jesus Christ said. The
necessity to **OBEY GOD'S LAW** has been replaced by the
'traditions of men' whereby we are exhorted to obey our
own 'conscience'. This we are told, is now the 'New
Testament Method' whereby God convinces and convicts
us of sin. But the same New Testament, in John 3:4, tells
us that,

**"SIN IS THE TRANSGRESSION (or
breaking) OF THE LAW."**

The same New Testament also tells us that,

"Where sin abounds, grace does
MUCH MORE abound." (Rom. 5:20).

That simply means that the more we break God's Law, whereby we sin, the more GRACE is available to forgive us.

But how can this be? Because we are taught that the LAW , which we have to break in order to SIN, which then qualifies us for sufficient GRACE for our forgiveness, DOSEN'T EXCIST ANY MORE!!!

If you think this sounds terribly confusing, then join the club.

Paul, in his statement quoted above, was not referring to the statutes, commandments, and judgements of God. He was referring to ' the law contained in Ordinances', that is, THE SACRAFICIAL LAWS, as he makes quite clear in Ephesians 2:15;

- "Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, EVEN THE LAW OF COM-MANDMENTS CONTAINED IN ORDINANCES."

As a "Double Witness" he repeats this fact in Colossians 2:14;

"Blotting out the handwriting of ORDINANCES that was ag – ainst us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, NAIL IT TO HIS CROSS."

These ORDINANCES, or rituals, were the means given by God, through the observance of which we could obtain Forgiveness of our sins, which we commit ONLY – I repeat ONLY – when we break God's Laws. THIS PRINCIPLE

HAS NEVER BEEN CHANGED, certainly not by God. Only its operation has been changed, in that now we only have to accept the sacrifice of GOD'S LAMB instead of offering our own.

The love, mercy and grace of God has not changed the necessity of obeying His Law. It has only changed our personal ATTITUDE towards obeying it. Prior to our Lord Jesus Christ becoming our final sacrifice for sin, people obeyed God's Law out of fear for the consequences. God had not at that time revealed to His people His abounding GRACE in the same way that He now has through His Son. But since this wonderful GRACE, this UNDESERVED FAVOUR, has been revealed, we are to be motivated in keeping His Law, no longer by fear of Him, but by OUR LOVE FOR HIM.

Do you wish to be converted? Then read and BELIEVE Psalm 19:7;

"The law of the Lord is perfect,
CONVERTING THE SOUL."

Do you wish to obtain true riches? Then read and BELIEVE Psalm 19:7 – 10:

"The law of the Lord... is more to
be desired than gold, yea, than
much fine gold."

Do you wish to show your love for God? Then read and BELIEVE John 14:15;

"If ye love me, keep my COMMAND-
MENTS."

Do you wish to have your prayers answered? Then read and BELIEVE Proverbs 28:9;

“He who closes his ears from hearing the Law, even his prayers is an abomination.

REMEMBER!!

“whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the LEAST in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whosoever shall do and TEACH them, the same shall be Called GREAT in the Kingdom of Heaven.”

That is not an opinion. It is a PROMISE . And it was made by THE HIGHEST OF ALL AUTHORITIES.

IT WAS MADE BY THE LORD JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF.

“Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee.

When the most High divided the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.

For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.”

DEUTERONOMY ch.32: 7 - 9



WAS RUTH A MOABITESS?



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Every individual member of the Chosen Race has to be saved in exactly the same manner as any other person — THROUGH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST JESUS. Only through Him can we become "inheritors of the promise" and "workers with God."

The Promised Seed in and through whom blessing is to come is THE CHRIST, the ONE Seed of Abraham: "the SEED of the Woman."

WAS RUTH A MOABITESS?

This question should be answered with a definite "NO."

A study of the following Scriptures will reveal that Ruth could not possibly have been a Moabite; she was of pure Israel stock and an ANCESTRESS of our Lord Jesus Christ - "The Lamb of God, who taketh away the sin of the world — without spot or blemish"^M

"The EVER-LIVING then said to Abram, 'Depart from your native land, and from the home of your forefathers, to the land which I will direct you. And I will make you a GREAT NATION, and I will prosper and ennoble your name; and you shall be a benefactor; and I will bless those who benefit you, and punish those who

injure you, and all the nations of mankind shall become benefited from you." (Gen. 12:3/fi»)

THE TITLE DEEDS OF THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH

Abraham and his descendants through ISAAC and JACOB and the TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL are the people with whom God made this Covenant. THEY ARE GOD'S COVENANT MEN. The word "Covenant" in Hebrew is "Berith" or "B»rith," and the word for man is "ish." Our English word "British" therefore has the meaning of "Covenant Man." Abraham was the first "B^ith Ish" and he was the progenitor of the British people today,

The Abrahamic Covenant is in seven distinct parts.

1• I will make of thee a GREAT NATION, (Gen. 12:2, 13:16; 15:5, 46:3).

2. I will BLESS thee. (Gen. 12:2, 22:17, 26:24).

3. I will make thy name GREAT. (Gen. 12:2). 4« Thou shalt be a BLESSING. (Gen. 12:2, Gal, 3:14). 5^ I will BLESS THEM THAT BLESS THEE. (Gen. 12:2,3 - 27:29)» 6. I will CURSE HIM THAT CURSETH THEE. (Gen. 12:3; 27:29). 7• In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed. (Gen. 12:3, 18:18; 28:14).

ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB were not Jews; not only were they not Jews, but they were NOT Israelites either, for the very simple reason that there were not any Israelites or Jews on the earth at that time^ NEITHER NAME HAD YET COME INTO EXISTENCE. THEY WERE HEBREWS AND SEMITES^

THE DEDICATION OF THE RACE

Read very carefully Gen. 22:1-18. "God DID tempt Abraham."¹¹ The Hebrew word here translated "tempt" means to "try, prove or tes-b." Abraham was told to "Take now thy son, THINE ONLY SON ISAAC i whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of

Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of<"

ABRAHAM BELIEVED GOD. Furthermore, he OBEYED God despite the natural questions which must have arisen in his mind. Among these questions must have been one relative to how God could fulfil all the promises He had made if this, HIS ONLY SON WERE KILLED. Yet the record shows HE OBEYED WITHOUT QUESTION. After Isaac had been bound and laid upon the wood on the altar, Abraham "stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son." MENTALLY THE DEED WAS COMMITTED — Isaac was sacrificed to God. The testing of Abraham was completed and God stayed His hand, and provided a * scapegoat¹ in the form of a ram.

Isaac was dedicated to the service of god including HIS CHILDREN and HIS CHILDREN'S CHILDREN in all their generations; none of which were as yet born. The Sacrificial Ceremony was the DEDICATION OF A RACE OF PEOPLE who were not, as yet, in existence; the descendants of Isaac, of course, being subject to selection by the Creator of Isaac. The miraculous birth of Isaac was a SPECIAL CREATION OF A RACE and the ceremony on the mountain in the land of Moriah was a Dedication of that RACE to the Service of God. (Isa. 43:1-7, where God declares that HE CREATED THIS RACE OF PEOPLE.)

As Dr. Schofield puts it - "The typical lessons here are:-

1« Isaac, type of Christ, "obedient unto death", (Phil. 2:5-8)» 2« Abraham, type of the Father, who "spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all." (John 3:16; Romans 8:32). 3« The ram, type of substitution - Christ offered as a burnt[^]offering in our stead. (Heb. 10:5-10.) 4« cf. Resurrection. (Heb. 11:17-19. See also James 22:21-23).

Isaac was indeed a type of Christ — He foreshadowed the Saviour* Both were MIRACULOUSLY born; both were "the only begotten son"} both

carried the wood for their sacrifice up the mountain-side; the wood was taken from both their backs; Isaac was laid on the wood;

Jesus was nailed to the wood. In substitution for Isaac, a ram was provided as a scapegoat[^] whereas Jesus BECAME our scapegoat. Isaac, in the mind of Abraham, was as good as dead, and the provision of the rw brought new life to the dead or, in effect, RESURRECTION. Jesus passed through death LITERALLY, and was LITERALLY RESURRECTED. Isaac "died" in Dedication to Service of God and of all mankind. (In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, BECAUSE thou hast obeyed My Voice.) JESUS DIED TO REDEEM THE BACKSLIDING CREATED RACE AND TO SAVE THE WORLD ^ (kosmos or Israel Order).^{P'''}

Please note particularly that the blessings to be showered upon the Race of Abraham was NOT on account of any merit on their part. they were not yet born and therefore had nothing whatever to do with it« God promised all these blessings to ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN simply and solely because "ABRAHAM HAD FAITH, AND BELIEVED GOD." (Genesis 22:16-18)» Therefore, the after-conduct of the Race CANNOT IN ANY WAY CHANGE OR ALTER THE PROMISES GOD MADE TO ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB. "By MYSELF have I sworn, saith the Lord."

THE SEED OF ABRAHAM

In Galatians 2:16 we read: "Now to ABRAHAM AND HIS SEED were the promises made. He saith not, 'And to seeds, as of many; but as of ONE, And to thy seed, WHICH IS CHRIST.'¹" The word "Christ" means "anointed"^{1^} It is not the surname of Jesus, but His Title. Jesus means "Saviour". Thus "Christ Jesus" means the "Anointed Saviour." "The Servant of the Lord" through Whose mediation the whole world is to be eventually brought back to God. "Messiah" also means "anointed." The Dedicated Race, the descendants of Isaac through Jacob — the Israel people are also the "anointed" of God. (Ps. 105:15; Lam. 4:20; Hab. 3:13).)

Paul's statement to the Galatians has a twofold application — INDIVIDUAL AND NATIONAL. Abraham had two sons at the time

of his testing — ISHMAEL, the son of the bondwoman HAGAR; and ISAAC, but Isaac was "THE CHILD OF THE PROMISE," THE ONLY BEGOTTEN OF SARAH. Isaac was the PROMISED SEED. Later, Abraham had six more sons by Keturah. Paul informs the Galatians that the promises were not made to ALL of Abraham's seed, but were to be fulfilled through "ONE SEED," the "ANointed" - THE CHILD OF PROMISES. He also declares that through this One Seed, Isaac, would come THE "One Seed" through whom all the world would be blessed — CHRIST JESUS. In Gen. 3:15 we have the first promise of the Redeemer — the "seed"¹¹ of the woman. Here begins the "great highway of the Seed" — the Blood-line of Jesus[^] (The complete genealogy is found in Luke 3:23-28)•

Abraham had eight sons, but only one of them was to produce the Race of people who would eventually become a blessing to all nations and peoples of the earth through THE One Seed CHRIST JESUS• This is the ELECTION OF RACE which deals with a particular race of men who are to be "workers together with God," (2 Cor. 6:1), for the restoration of a ruined world. This selection of a certain people was for the purpose of establishing the earth in righteousness and justice. This 'selected' people is to be given experience and training; to be blessed and endowed with all the necessities to carry out its appointed world destiny. The election of Grace deals with the salvation of the individual man's soul and eternal life: "If ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seedy and heirs according to the promise." (Gal. 3:26-29).

1. Everything is IN Him: everything depends ON Him.
2. He is the Blessing of God to the nations and families of the earth,
3. He is the REDEEMER OF ISRAEL; and SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD.
4. Without Him the Chosen Race can have no blessing themselves, nor have any blessing to offer to the Nations. Apart from Christ they cannot bless the Worlds

5. The ONE SEED having come, the Race of Abraham can now

be a blessing; can show forth His praises to all mankind.

6. Only in this way can this Race bless the nations.

TO GET BACK TO RUTH:

"It was not everybody in the land of Moab, nor even of the one family of Ruth, who accepted Israel's God, but once Ruth The Moabitess had declared her stand for the God of Israel, then her Moabite Cloak fell from her and she stood revealed as a true Israelite."

The first conquest made by the Israelites on completion of their 40 years training in the Wilderness, was that of the territory on the East side of Jordan, then in possession of SHION — KING OF THE AMORITES, who had wrested it from the Moabites. (Numbers 21:26-31; Deut. 2:24; Judges 11:12-28).

It was a land of unparalleled fertility, stretching from Mount Hermon in the North to the River Arnon in the South (Deut. 3:8-17) and appealed irresistibly to the tribes of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh as being more suitable than the West Country on the other side of the Jordan for their great herds of cattle. Here the tribes of Reuben, Gad and Manasseh, desired to have their allotment. Moses granted their request on certain conditions, with which they faithfully complied. (Numbers 32:1-40). These 2^d tribes settled down on an inheritance which brought them great wealth and prosperity. They increased so rapidly they were able to send 120,000 men, fully armed, to King David's coronation at Hebron. (2 Chron. 12:1-37).

The territory, however, continued to be known as "THE LAND OF MOAB" and "THE PLAINS OF MOAB" and "FIELDS OF MOAB." The Jordan section of the Valley of Moab was known as "THE ARABAH" or "PLAIN OR DESERT"; the hilly, richly wooded section was known as "GILEAD", while the portion that fell to the half tribe of Manasseh, was BASHAN, though all was comprehended under the ancient title LAND OF MOAB. It was perfectly clear from Deut. 2:34, that EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND

CHILD, was driven out of this land of Moab, before the 2^\$ tribes took possession and was purely Israelite territory as Jephthah, after 300 years of Israel ownership, in his argument with the Ammonites, informs them. (Judges 11:9-26).

From the Land of Moab, Moses was permitted to view the Promised Land of Canaan and on its highest peak, died there, (Deut. 32:49-50)^

Gilead, in the Land of Moab, was the home of Jair, of Jephthah and Elijah, who returned here at the end of his life and to be taken up into heaven, (2 Kings 2:11). Gilead was also "the refuge of the Israelites from the Philistines; of Saul's sons; of David fleeing from Absalom: Shammah, one of the chiefs of the Tribe of Benjamin took up his permanent residence in the Land of Moab. (1 Chron. 8:8). Now the prosperity of the Tribes referred to, led them into idolatry and they were brought into captivity by Pul and Tiglath-Pileser in 721 B.C. (2 Kings 17:1-6), With the departure of the Israelites the Moabites recovered their territory lost to them for 700 years.

In the time of the Judges when the Israelites had been in possession for 300 years, a famine occurred in the Land of Canaan, and as recorded in the Book of Ruth, a family of Bethlehem-Judah, Elimelech, Naomi and their two delicate sons, crossed the Jordan to the LAND OF MOAB where the 2^h tribes were very wealthy and prospering, which was a sharp contrast to Canaan, where they were almost starving because of the famine. This little family sought, and found, refuge with their brethren on the East side of the Jordan, "THE ARABAH" or Plains of Moab — Territory of Gad. Here, they settled down to await the coming relief in their homeland in Judea. These were sad days for Naomi, as she lost her husband, Elimelech and later, her two sons, Mahlon and Chilion; it was probably from the Tribe of Gad that these sons chose their wives, as the Book of Ruth shows Naomi to have close relationship with her daughter-in-law»

It was not permitted to Israelites to marry or mate with women of racial Moab: such unions would have met with well deserved and immediate punishment, (Numbers 25:1-8? Deut. 23:3; Joshua 23:3.2-12-13) Anyone NOT of pure Israel stock was forbidden the congregation of Jehovah^

In further support of Rutl^s Israel origin is the fact that her reputed historian, the prophet Samueli could not consistently enforce the Divine Command: "A Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord for ever," (Deut. 23:3) and, at the same time, condone so flagrant a disregard of that Command on the part of a prince of PHARE&-JUDAH, as was Rutl^s first husband, Mahlon, and also her second husband, BOAZ» This racial Law never was cancelled or annulled. The HOUSE Oj? EPHRATAH and all those connected with it were fully aware of the sacred charge which had been given into their hands not only for those days but for future generations. The people of Bethlehem—Ephratah seem always to have been a people apart as though conscious of a determined destiny in the Divine Plan for the Israel Nation,

Her daughters-in-law were prepared to accompany her for, as Israel" ites (Tribe of Gad), they were acquainted with the Mosaic Law that "the wife of the dead. shall not marry without, unto a stranger."^M (Deut.25;5) NaOmi releases them from their legal tie which bound them to her as widows of her departed sons. The daughter, Orphah (not difficult to persuade) returned to her people (Tribe of Gad). Ruth, however, heeds not the words of release and advice to return to her.Tribe but pours out her heart to Naomi. In the actual words spoken, Ruth points out to Naomi that they are ONE IN RACE AND WORSHIP. The use of the Word JEHOVAH¹, in Rutl^s speech, proves that Ruth was of pure Israel stock for no one but Israel was allowed to use this name.

The Holy Name

JEHOVAH, was to be a memorial between the Everliving and HIS CHOSEN NATION UNTO ALL GENERATIONS. (Exodus 6:3). We

read of Orpah as having gone back to her people and 'unto her gods'. (This word 'gods' should have been translated fudges'.)

The same word 'gods' occurs in Exodus 22:28 and against it in the margin note the word 'Judges' is written. The Hebrew word Naomi used is 'Elohim'^ which might be correctly translated as Judges and the context warrants this translation.

(For the sake of a correct understanding for those who have not the facilities to check the original Hebrew as regards this 'god' or 'gods' (some translators use the singular, some the plural, whilst Gesenius, Strong and Young, favour the sense of a deity or household god), Further the word 'Judge' in this sense, is only used five times in the Bible, Exodus 22:28 being one of them, but not Ruth 1:15. This in no way detracts the main lesson that the writer is bringing out because these 2h tribes were steeped in idolatry.

Naomi assured her daughters-in-law that the Judges who dispensed the Laws of Jehovah, would see to it that they were provided with husbands from among their own people. Naomi had other reasons for wanting to return to Bethlehem in Judah other than freedom from want and the call of home. The Seventh Jubilee was near when the parcel of land reverted back to Naomi as the widow of Elimelech, as there was no male heir alive to take up the inheritance.

Naomi had evidently sent messengers beforehand to have her home made ready. When they arrived at the gate of Bethlehem they were given a civic welcome and "all the city was stirred by their arrival"¹¹. (Moffat), ^ city is not usually moved over a couple of travel-stained, weary women arriving at its gates, one of them returning after an absence of ten years. Rather, as widows of Princes of the great HOUSE OF PHAREZ-JUDAH they arrived in all the eastern pomp and state which befitted their rank* The title of Prince for the Chiefs of Houses is well established in the Scriptures. How glad the people were to have Naomi again amongst them;

she had been in all probability 'the lady bountiful'¹ and greatly

missed* The people can scarcely believe that she has come back again; they say, questioningly, "is this Naomi?". The sound of her names strikes a sad note. From her sorrowing heart come the words of grief and disappointment. "Call me not Naomi (pleasant), call me Mara (bitter): for the Mmighfcy hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full^ and the Lord hath brought me home again empty: why call me Naomi, seeing the Lord hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath afflicted me?" Mot yet can Naomi see the purpose of Almighty God in bringing her home again 'EMPTY' -- (so blinded is she by painful memories and the sense of loss). Nor can she have any idea of the great part she has yet to play in the building of the HOUSE OF DAVID as the guide and guardian of Ruth, her son's widow, until she is wedded to Prince Boag of the same kindred as her departed Tusband."

By Boaz marrying Ruth, the difficulty concerning the land reverting back to Naomi was overcome and a child was born, whom they called WED who, afterwards, begat JESSE and Jesse begat DAVID; therefore, it is NOT improbable that Ruth was living when David was born. Ruth, in sonversation with Bpaz, refers to herself as a stranger (the word used is NOKRI and not ZAR, which is the word used for an alien) but Ruth is speaking as one STRANGE TO HER PEOPLE OF HER BLOOD after so long an absence*

Retention of the original title THE LAND OF MOAB by the Israelites, caused no confusion as to the ownership in the minds of succeeding generations and of surrounding nations. It has, however, caused confusion Ln the minds of Commentators (and Theologians) who failed to grasp the historical fact that when the Israelites conquered THE LAND OF HOAB, THEY RETAINED IT UNTIL THEIR CAPTIVITY.

At the Council meeting summoned by Boaz at the gate of the town, Ruth is not referred to by these Aldermen as other than an Israelite. The National Law of Redemption was only given to

Israel and only administered for Israelites and NEVER to aliens. It should be understood that Ruth is no mere chattel simply to be sold with 'a parcel of land' as it were, but a "WOMAN OF GREAT PRICE" — far above rubies in the eyes of those who knew her well, and a PRINCESS of the House of Ephratah; one whose hand could only be won by a noble Prince, not only in blood and family, but also in character and life.

Ruth, by marrying Boaz, her kinsman, according to the Law given by Jehovah to Israel, provided in her firstborn, a son and heir for the House of Ephratah, which had been lacking through Mahlon, (Naomi's firstborn son and whom Ruth married first), therefore, the ROYAL HOUSE OF DAVID is built upon this child. The congratulations and blessings are showered on Naomi, principally as the one with her family to inherit future glory and fame which will yet come to Bethlehem.

Contrary to conceived interpretation of Scripture, there is NO ALIEN BLOOD IN OUR LORD'S ANCESTRY. The woman by whom this element is SUPPOSED to have been introduced was without any shadow of doubt of pure Israelite descent, as were other women of Israel, especially chosen for purity of descent and spiritual qualities. Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bethsheba, were all of Israel stock. Nor was Joseph's wife, Asenath, an alien. Her father was PRINCE OF ON, of the Royal House of Egypt whose kinsman was the last Pharaoh Shepherd Kings, who were of the line of Shem as also was Abraham.

"But thou Bethlehem, Ephratah, though thou be little amongst the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall He come forth unto Me, that is to be RULER IN ISRAEL, whose comings and goings forth have been from of old from everlasting." (Micah 5:2)«»

The following Bible references should be read;-

Numbers 21:21-26 (all of this chapter). Exodus 6:3

Deut. Chap. 2:24-34. " 22:8

Judges 11:12-28. Ruth 1:15

Deut. 3:8-17. Micah 5:2

Numbers 32:1-40. (On CODE - Gen. 1 to Rev,

Chron. 1, C.12:37.

22:21.

Deut. 2:34.

Land Lawst Lev. 25.

Judges 11:9-26.

Matt. 5:17-19 and Heb.8-10,

Deut. 32:49-50.

Ruth 1:11.

2 Kings 1:11; 1 Chron. 8:8

Deut. 25:5-10

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On Field Corners - Lev.

Numbers 25:1-8; Deut. 23:3,

19:9-10 etc.

Joshua 23:12,

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Ruth 1:6 - Deut. 25:5.

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*THE LAW 'OF THE LORD - (From Independent Research Associates
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*Ruth said those famous words beginning • • • ^Entreat me not to leave
thee ..."*

Their simple beauty and their sentimental appeal are undeniable The
trouble is that we stop at sentiment. Sentiment may be the maid-of--
all-work of the human conscience, but it is the slattern of the human
Intel licence.*

SOUL AND SUBSTANCEI

We have the Word of the *Lord*. The translators gave it to us in
the English tongue. They did more - they translated also the
SOUL of the Booka

The soul of the Bible is the code by which its people lived. The
substance of the matter is one thing, the soul of it is quite
another. For instance, Rates left Captain Scott and the safety of
the tent to step out into the antarctic night AND SO TO DIE. The
roan was a FOOL -AN IDIOT; in fact, he broke the basic rules of
self-preservation. He ought at all costs to have clung to Scott,
and if the circumstances made it inevitable, let Scott and the rest
die with him.

And as this is ostensibly a free world and men, we are told, have

a perfect right to their own opinions, what can possibly be wrong with the MAU MAU OF AFRICA?

The hackles may arise in indignation on these points, but we brook no contradiction. If it is desired to make anything but a fool of Dates and his deed, another code by which to judge it is needed. The admittedly animal rules of self-preservation will not do. To redeem the deed, it is necessary to measure it by the HEROIC CODE, the code of an English gentleman. Measured by that code it becomes a simple act of sublime heroism.

THE CODE:

The code of an English gentleman is the only possible measure of the soul of such men as Oates. The only thing wrong with the code and conduct of the MAU MAU of Africa is that, when measured by another code — the code of righteousness - the code rooted in the Books of Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, they become CRUEL AND BESTIAL, ROTTEN AND MORALLY HEINOUS.

It is completely impossible to understand the human story without the appropriate code of conduct by which to measure and assess it.

Of all books, the Bible has ordinarily a mass of readers making the most stupid approach to its contents. Even the simpering kitchen maid will try to understand the soul of the novelette sufficiently to identify herself completely for the passing moment with the heroine but from our archbishops and bishops downwards, the Christian brain is so pounded with the convenient idea that the Law of the Lord is abrogated that we have their clergy and pastors dressing the characters of the Parable of the Ten Virgins in the very latest for the ladies, and morning coats and top hats for the men. We have become INTELLECTUAL CLWNS, and simple truth is made to dance a theological jig.

To measure and assess the acts, deeds and purposes of any human character in the Bible narrative, one must conform to the

common necessity in the understanding of all history. One must place it against the code that governed all life and motives within the story.

The code of the Law of the Lord given at Sinai to Moses. It governed all life from Genesis 1:1 to Rev. 22:21. NO WORD OR ACT WITHIN THOSE PAGES CAN BE READ IN FULL COMPREHENSION WITHOUT IT. We illustrate at random.

THE LAW OF THE LOOSED SHOE:

Elimelech and his wife, Naomi, migrated to Moab during a famine; by doing so Elimelech left behind him in Bethlehem-Judah, his inheritance of land. Being an Israelite, he possessed that land under the Land Laws of Lev. 25.

The terms of that Law made it impossible for him to sell the land outright. He had two courses; He could let it lie fallow or he could rent it to somebody under lease, a lease to terminate it at the next Jubilee. He chose the latter course, as was natural.

The Laws of Lev. 25 are the laws governing the tenure of land by the Lord's elect nation. They are the Land Laws of Israel's tomorrows® (Matt. 5:17-19 and Heb. 8:10).

But Elimelech died, and his two sons, each having married a wife, also died. And Naomi and the two wives, one being Ruth, were all childless. It is essential to realise (Ruth 1:11) that in her sorrow Naomi was not speaking harrowing but idle words bemoaning that she had now no son to take them to wife. Had there been another son, he would have been under the compulsion of taking both the younger wives, and of raising heirs to his two dead brothers.

The whole situation was governed by the "Law of the Loosed Shoe" found in Deut. 25:5-10. That Law has ever been the Will of the Lord governing succession in Israel. The purity of the blood of the race is involved. If there is any desire to cavil at it, we point out that it was the Lord who gave women their duty to the race. We obey Him, we do not please ourselves. Arguments about the difficulty of applying this law in modern times are completely specious. THE LAW OF THE LORD IS TIMELESS.

Orpah kissed her mother-in-law and left her. Ruth elected to do her duty in Israel. That is the soul of the duty. THERE IS ITS BEAUTY®

Naomi made for her husband's wealthy kinsman, Boaz. Ruth was sent to glean after the harvest. She gleaned in the fields of Boaz. She was a widow and had a perfect right to glean in any field. She was not a scavenger for a pittance on behalf of Boaz, but taking her gleanings in her own perfect right, a right given in one of the most beautiful Laws of the Bible, the LAW OF THE FIELD CORNERS. (Lev. 19:9-10 etc).

The Law of the Field Corners is a basic contribution to social security as planned by the Lord.. Social security is as old as the law. The simplicity of the words in which this law is given are particularly deceptive.

Ruth found favour with Boaz, and thereafter, under the guidance of Naomi, the story moves forward under the ^LAW OF THE LOOSED SHOE% Ruth established her legal claim on Boaz: but there was a nearer kinsman. Boaz approached him, advised him publicly of his rights and of the duty of redeeming Elimelech's land in order that, if he took Ruth to wife, their firstborn could inherit it; Chat was the legal right of their firstborn and the right had to be given fulfilment of the Law of the Loosed Shoe.

The unnamed kinsman would have had no objection to redeeming the property if thereby he could perpetuate his own name on the inheritance. Boaz, by his readiness to 'mar* if need be his own inheritance and to espouse his kinsman, Mahlon's widow, became enrolled among the ancestors of Jesus Christ, the Divine Son of Mary. This nearer kinsman wa6 passed over, not only by Naomi, but by the Almighty in His selectibn of fit persons to become the ancestors of the Redeemer of Israel.

The HOUSE OF EPHRATAH, which contained within it the royal line from which presently would come the Psalmist of Israel and of which, finally, JESUS CHRIST was born, was no chance affair» stained here and there by the introduction of forbidden alien blood.

The kinsman publicly surrendered his right to Boaz and so the way was cleared, the LAW OF THE LOOSE SHOE fulfilled, and the LINE OF DAVID was established in worthiness by Boagi and the virtuous woman, Ruth, who did not use her charm on the young men (Ruth 3:10) and niArry where fancy led her, but fulfilled her duty in Israel.

Here is no story of passion and palpitation, but one of true comprehension of the Will of the Lord, That Ruth was an Israelite of an earlier migration to Moab, is proved by the fact that BQAZ MARRIED HER. He was forbidden at law to marry an alien woman. The sceptred line of Judah, into which the Saviour was born was not contaminated by alien blood. Here in her simple virtue was the MOTHER OF DAVID OF ISRAEL and of DAVID'S GREATER SON. She followed not after the young men, but kept the Law of the Lord — THE GOD OF THE ISRAEL

PEOPLE. (Compiled by E.E.B.) JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA.

JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA was one of the richest men in all the known Roman world. He was called in Roman financial circles what we would say, the TIM-PLATE KING. This was from the fact that Joseph of Arimathea, uncle of the woman selected by God to bring forth Jesus, had vast holdings in Britain, and that he had virtual control over the mining of tin.

Many writers throughout the Christian era acknowledge that Joseph of Arimathea was the man who started the first known church in all Europe. And this church was built at Glastonbury in England.

The learned men who make mention of him a^nd his connections with early British church history are Irenaeus, Clemens Romanus, Tertullian, Origen, Eusebius, Theodoret, Ussher, Fuller, Sir Henry Spelman, Bishop Godwin, and many others*

A WALK THROUGH THE GOSPELS

By Bruce Horner.

Part 27

IN THE SHADOW WITH JESUS.

THE PHARISEES AND HERODIANS TRY TO ENSNARE JESUS ABOUT PAYING TRIBUTE TO CAESAR

I want you to notice the depth of deceit in these Jews who followed our Lord about from place to place. Notice what Matthew says. Mark makes a very similar comment.

Matt 22:15-17 KJV

15 *Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk.*

16 *And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.*

17 *Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?*

Now notice what **Luke** has to say. He is much more direct in calling our attention to the facts as they were in his recollection.

Luke 20:20-26

20 *And they watched him, and sent forth spies, which should feign themselves just men, that they might take hold of his words, that so they might deliver him unto the power and authority of the governor.*

21 *And they asked him, saying, Master, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, neither acceptest thou the person of any, but teachest the way of God truly:*

22 *Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or no?*

23 *But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Why tempt ye me?*

24 *Shew me a penny. Whose image and superscription hath it? They answered and said, Caesar's.*

25 *And he said unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which be Caesar's, and unto God the things which be God's.*

26 *And they could not take hold of his words before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.*

Luke tells us that they sent these men as spies, to lie and cheat. Mark says they sent "certain" of the Pharisees and Herodians, but Matthew says they sent to him "their disciples, with the Herodians." Robertson makes the comment: "The Pharisees send a group of their keenest students to go with the Herodians to catch Jesus with the dilemma about paying tribute to Caesar, a live question in current politics and theology. They offered Jesus the alternative of popular disfavour or of disloyalty to the Roman government. But this was not just a hit or miss occasion, an off the cuff incident. They carefully considered who were the best persons to send: they were carefully chosen to be up to the occasion because of their superior abilities.

Jesus was not going to caught as easily as that. Without committing himself to a direct answer, He even made them to appear foolish before the crowd. They were embarrassed. Luke says "*they were not able to take hold of the saying before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.*"

THE SADDUCEES ASK HIM A PUZZLING QUESTION ABOUT THE RESURRECTION.

We do not know when this next round of the combat occurred. It was still the same third day of the week, in the Court of the Temple still, but probably a short time later.

Matt 22:23-33 KJV

23 *The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection, and asked him,*

24 *Saying, Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother.*

25 *Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first, when he had married a wife, deceased, and, having no issue, left his wife unto his brother:*

- 26 *Likewise the second also, and the third, unto the seventh.*
 27 *And last of all the woman died also.*
 28 *Therefore in the resurrection whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her.*
 29 *Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures nor the power of God.*
 30 *For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.*
 31 *But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,*
 32 *I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.*
 33 *And when the multitude heard this, they were astonished at his doctrine.*

Robertson makes an interesting observation in his notes for this event. He says that it was "Probably a stock conundrum that the Saducees had often propounded to the discomfort of the Pharisees." Notice once again how our Lord did not spare their feelings. **Matthew verse 29:** "*Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.*" I would not like that said to me in a public debate. The answer that Jesus gave is a very important one in our present situation of the 21st century. We have a considerable number of people who believe that in the early years when Adam and Eve were alive, there was intermarriage between men and angels. The scriptural reference is **Genesis 6 verse 4** where it says "*the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children unto them.*" **Matthew 22 verse 30** is crucial in this debate. Jesus assures us that "*in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.*" That being so, then we must look for the real meaning of who the sons of God really are. There are many texts which can be chosen, but I think the easiest one to clinch the thought is **Luke 3 verse 38**, where it says in the genealogy of Joseph, foster father to Jesus, "*...Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God.*" Man was created to procreate; to be fruitful and multiply. The Angels have always been a fixed number. They are the same today as they were 7000 years and more ago.

THE PHARISEES REJOICE OVER THE ROUT OF THE SADDUCEES AND A PHARISAIC LAWYER ASKS JESUS A LEGAL QUESTION.

To understand the reaction of the audience, we need to read the relevant verse in all three Gospels.

Luke 20 39:40 And certain of the scribes answering said, Master, thou hast well said. For they durst not any more ask him any question.

Mark 12:28 And one of the scribes came, and heard them questioning together, and knowing that he had answered them well, asked him, What commandment is the first of all.

This verse does seem to indicate discomfort among the Sadducees. The Scriptures always seem to underplay its statements.

Matthew 22: 34 But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, gathered themselves together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him. Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

This verse certainly clinches the fact of their discomfort. Despite this it is very evident that they treated him, in all these face to face encounters, with respect, not daring to face the scorn that was always able to reduce them to sullen silence and ridicule.

But this was an important question, and we ought to look carefully at his answer.

Mark 12:29-34 (KJV)

29 And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord:

30 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

32 *And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he:*

33 *And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.*

34 *And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question.*

**JESUS, TO THE JOY OF THE MULTITUDE, SILENCES
HIS ENEMIES BY THE PERTINENT QUESTION OF
THE MESSIAH'S DESCENT FROM DAVID AND
LORDSHIP OVER DAVID.**

Mark 12:35-37

35 *And Jesus answered and said, while he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that Christ is the Son of David?*

36 *For David himself said by the Holy Ghost, The LORD said to my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool.*

37 *David therefore himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he then his son? And the common people heard him gladly.*

Why did the common people hear him gladly? **Matthew 22:46** supplies the answer.

Mat 22:46 *And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.*

**IN HIS LAST PUBLIC DISCOURSE, JESUS SOLEMNLY
DENOUNCES THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES.**

After these discussions, Jesus launches into a long denunciation of the Scribes and Pharisees, which is reminiscent of the speech he made some time earlier when he was invited to dine with a Pharisee. It is recorded in **Luke 11:37** to the end of **Luke 12**. This episode virtually completes a double witness of invective against his enemies. Robertson in his *Harmony* records that

Jesus has been criticized by some commentators for lack of self-control in this exposure of the hypocrisy of the Pharisees. But he then goes on to say that we must bear in mind the tremendous sins of which the Pharisees are guilty. The very teachers of righteousness are now in the act of rejecting and finally crucifying the Son of God. I will not go through the details which all three disciples, but especially Matthew record, but I suggest that it is worth your while to read them for yourselves, since I dare say that we are all guilty of some of them.

JESUS CLOSELY OBSERVES THE CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE TEMPLE, AND COMMENDS THE POOR WIDOW'S GIFT.

Mark 12:41-44

41 *And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much.*

42 *And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing.*

43 *And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:*

44 *For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.*

Notice that this was the last occurrence in the Saviour's public ministry, except the trial and the crucifixion. This is the last appearance of Jesus in the TEMPLE. His public teaching is over save the words of defence at his trial and the seven sayings on the cross. The Pharisees and Sadducees had withdrawn in terror at the explosion of the wrath of Jesus and even the disciples were at some distance as Jesus sat alone by the Treasury. It is useless further to plead with his enemies. The task now remains to get the disciples prepared for the Master's death and the time is short and they as yet have completely failed to grasp the fact or the significance of his death and the promise of his resurrection on the third day.

SITTING ON THE MOUNT OF OLIVES, JESUS SPEAKS TO THE DISCIPLES ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM, AND HIS OWN SECOND COMING.

Jesus now seeks to prepare the disciples for the tragedy of His death and for carrying on his work after His departure. This great discourse is recorded at length by **Matthew, Mark and Luke**. They follow almost the same ground, but towards the end, Matthew records a number of parables which are essentially Kingdom Parables, and peculiar only to him.

There are four distinct subjects that Jesus deals with.

1. The Prophecy about the Destruction of the Temple.

Mark 13:1-37

1 *And as he went out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!*

2 *And Jesus answering said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.*

At the time of Jesus ministry the temple was still being constructed. It had been an enormous undertaking. It was a breath-taking event, probably comparable in its own way to our own Sydney opera house. People would come to look at it, and it drew the wondering comments of one of the disciples. They may even had come this way on this day for the sole purpose of admiring the structure. Jesus was quick to pick the subject up as an example of what his intentions were over the onrushing days in front of them. He told them in stark terms that it would be destroyed. Not only destroyed, but also not one stone would be left upon another.

2. The inquiry from Peter and James and John and Andrew.

Mark 13:3 *And as he sat upon the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately,*

4 *Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when all these things shall be fulfilled?*

5 *And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you:*

6 *For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.*

7 *And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be ye not troubled: for such things must needs be; but the end shall not be yet.*

8 *For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be earthquakes in divers places, and there shall be famines and troubles: these are the beginnings of sorrows.*

9 *But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them.*

10 *And the gospel must first be published among all nations.*

11 *But when they shall lead you, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.*

12 *Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against their parents, and shall cause them to be put to death.*

13 *And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.*

14 *But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains:*

As we read the Gospels, we become aware that, as in all groups of people, certain of the disciples stand out, and exhibit characteristics that are peculiar to themselves. Different talents for leadership, of understanding, and so on. Peter, James, John and Andrew are often in the forefront of events. Their questions on this occasion provided the opportunity for Christ to say some of the things that they would remember in later days, and prepare them for their great undertakings. He did not give them direct answers to their questions. They were only simple men. It was better that they take events as they fell, rather than know and anticipate things they did not understand. Indeed, the things he mentioned in answer to them referred to events 2000 years in the future. Christ had to balance his words cryptically

between answering the disciple's questions and against things that they were not concerned with and would not participate in, and informing Christians in the "Last Days". That is, the days in which we are now living.

Matthew 24 verse 4 says *"Take heed that no man lead you astray. For many shall come in my name saying, I am the Christ; and shall lead many astray."*

This corresponds to **Mark 13:5** which we have just read. The word Christ in the Greek means anointed. There is no reason why this should necessarily be translated as Jesus Christ. I believe there are a number of places in Scripture where it should be translated simply as "anointed". For instance when the rock in the desert wanderings is called Christ, instead of the "rock is anointed" (1 Cor 10:4). The Rock may indeed have represented Christ, but in fact it was the anointed stone that was Jacob's pillow. Verse 4 ought to be translated "many shall come in my name saying, I am anointed, and shall lead many astray." I am not aware of many people who actually have claimed to be Christ. There were three or four back in later New Testament times and perhaps one or two strange characters in our present day. I don't think these occurrences were sufficient to provoke Christ's warnings. However, I do see a huge multitude of present day pastors who all proclaim themselves to be "anointed," and who churn out heresies and other rubbish which all show that they are terribly ignorant of true spiritual truths. In view of the condemnation that the Book of Revelation pours on the last church age, as being "neither hot nor cold, and I will spew thee out of my mouth," I think there is justification for seeing this latest crop of Church ministers and pastors as fulfilling Christ's warning. But, of course, we all think that these things refer to the other fellow, and not ourselves. However, the verse probably applies primarily to the times after Christ died, but it certainly has the same and probably stronger application today. After Christ died, His followers were to suffer greatly, and many died confessing his name. This oppression was to ebb and flow over 2000 years. It was terrible under the Roman Caesars, but then Rome became Christian. It then took its worst form of oppression under Roman Catholicism, which was only another version of the old Baal religion, but hiding itself like a wolf under a sheepskin under the name of Christianity.

3. The Sign of the Destruction of Jerusalem

Mark 13:14 brings us back to Jerusalem in the year 70 AD. Rome besieged the city of Jerusalem. 1,000,000 lives were lost, the temple was put to the torch causing the gold inlays to melt and run down the walls. Eager to collect the melted gold, the very stones and foundations of the temple were torn apart by the Roman soldiers to retrieve it. Those Christians alive after those days would then remember Christ's prophecy regarding the Temple.

Mysteriously the Roman General called his troops off from the siege of the city for a number of days. When that happened, the Christians who were inside the city remembered Christ's words, urging them to flee unto the mountains, taking nothing with them. Those who did so were saved and formed a settlement along the coast of the Mediterranean.

Mark 13:15 *And let him that is on the housetop not go down into the house, neither enter therein, to take any thing out of his house:*

16 *And let him that is in the field not turn back again for to take up his garment.*

17 *But woe to them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!*

18 *And pray ye that your flight be not in the winter.*

19 *For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of the creation which God created unto this time, neither shall be.*

20 *And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.*

21 *And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not:*

22 *For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect.*

23 *But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.*

4. False Christs and the Second Coming

We cannot take too lightly the words of Christ in Mark 13:23. "Behold, I have foretold you all things."

The verses 21 and 22 are a repetition of earlier verses that apparently refer to conditions after Christ's death. **Matthew and Mark** repeat a similar warning here for the Last Days.

They are followed immediately by the reference to the sun, the moon and the stars. Do they refer to Israel like the parable given to Isaac, describing how the tribes will lose their influence, as they go through the period of Jacob's Trouble?

Mark 13:24 *But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light,*

25 *And the stars of heaven shall fall, and the powers that are in heaven shall be shaken.*

We know that in 1844 there was a tremendous display of falling stars. Perhaps the powers that are in heaven that shall be shaken are the energies trapped within the atom. I think that some of these things will be clearer as time moves on. The clock is showing 5 minutes to twelve, I believe, and we do not have long to wait.

Now we come to the return of Christ Himself.

26 *And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.*

27 *And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.*

PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE

Once more we have a parable of the fig tree. We know it refers to Jewry. Jewry is right in the news at the moment. Is this the presage of great events heralding our returning King?

28 *Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When her branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is near:*

29 *So ye in like manner, when ye shall see these things come to pass, know that it is nigh, even at the doors.*

30 *Verily I say unto you, that this generation shall not pass, till all these things be done.*

31 *Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.*

Matthew, Mark and Luke all agree to record the warning that Jesus gives us all that the day and the hour are known only to the Father. Not the angels nor even Himself know the time.

32 *But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father.*

READINESS URGED BY SERIES OF PARABLES.

At this point Jesus urges all Christians to be ready. To make His point He gives us a series of short parables.

Mark 13:33 *Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is.*

34 *For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch.*

35 *Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or in the morning:*

36 *Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping.*

37 *And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.*

PARABLE OF THE MASTER OF THE HOUSE

Matt 24:43-44 *But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.*

44 *Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.*

PARABLE OF THE FAITHFUL SERVANT AND OF THE EVIL SERVANT

Matt 24:46-51 *Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.*

47 *Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.*

48 *But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming;*

49 *And shall begin to smite his fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken;*

50 *The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for him, and in an hour that he is not aware of,*

51 *And shall cut him asunder, and appoint him his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

PARABLES OF THE TEN VIRGINS. Matt 25:1-13

1 *Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.*

2 *And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.*

3 *They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:*

4 *But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.*

5 *While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.*

6 *And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.*

7 *Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.*

8 *And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.*

9 *But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.*

10 *And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.*

11 *Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.*

12 *But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.*

13 *Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.*

I am following Morey here. I think the simple solution of the parable is to recognise that the ten virgins represent the nation Israel. The bridegroom has to be the Church, with Christ the Head and the saved who have overcome, from all generations, making up the body. If this be so, then the virgins must

represent all those citizens of the Kingdom who are still alive. It would appear from the parable that half, represented by 5 virgins, have qualified as overcomers. The other five have not bothered to make their election sure. At midnight the Bridegroom came, accompanied by the overcomers who have died in the Lord. Of the ten virgins who went to meet him, only half possessed oil, surely the Holy Spirit, and the other half were forbidden to attend the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

May we all strive to be prepared to meet our returning Lord, so that we may sit with Him at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Although we are warned that we do not know the day or the hour, we do know the times and the seasons, and our Lord's plea is that we shall be prepared.



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starting next month. This young lady who is being brought up under a true lady of faith, in the Israel Identity Message to know the truth, so the younger generation is not all lost. Their faith and belief in our Lord Jesus Christ is exemplary, congratulations and well done Lee-Anne. I know the good Lord will be with you always and answer your prayers, thank you from all of us here at Head office.

Lastly some important news that has just come to hand due to the upcoming production of CV time has not permitted us to produce any inserts for the centre of the magazine or Covenant Watch will not be in this month's magazine for this month only, but Covenant Watch will be out as normal soon, thank you for your understanding.

In closing and after getting over a long mystery illness my wife (Lorraine) is nearly back to full strength and it is good to have her back at my side, lastly to all the others here at the ministry, Bruce, Gwynne and Faye, SID and Yvonne a very big thank you and God Bless.

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Joseph of Arimathea was a Prince of the House of David and connected through marriage with the priestly House of Levi; and also was connected thereby with the ROYAL HOUSE OF THE BRITISH.

Joseph of Arimathea had a huge fleet at his disposal, plying continuously between the Isles and the Mediterranean lands, carrying his tin products from his mines.

The fact that he was there when needed, and supplied his own sepulchre for his niece, Mary, to lay her crucified Son, reveals that he had already determined to move away from Palestine and make his headquarters somewhere else.

This is revealed, in that he turned over his sepulchre to provide a place for Jesus. Here was one of the richest men in all the world, AN ISRAELITE. He was brought up with a knowledge of Palestine and its place in the heart and plan of God. It was the dream of all Israelites to be buried there, and vast sums were often expended to assure a suitable and fitting place of burial.

This was what Joseph of Arimathea had done. He had assured for himself a sepulchre in the land of God's purpose, and close to the city of Jerusalem. To all intents and purposes, it was an ideal spot. He would be right where he would want to be for the resurrection of the nation of Israel.

But something had changed his whole viewpoint. His niece, Mary, had borne a son who came into the world under miraculous circumstances. This boy had grown up and had entered into a miraculous ministry; and Joseph of Arimathea believed, accepted and became a disciple of the One who was, in the flesh, his grand-nephew.

He surrendered his Israelite dream and gave his tomb for the body of this Jesus. Now, he had something far more precious. With this living faith, he took charge of the transportation of the little band of intimates and he eventually landed with them in England.

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For thus saith the Lord; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

Neither shall the priest the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

And the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah saying,

Thus saith the Lord; if ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priest, my ministers.

As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the Sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

Jeremiah 33: 17-22.

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